

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An outside mirror for a motor vehicle comprising:

a mirror foot fastenable to the vehicle, ~~said mirror foot having a sleeve;~~

a mirror carrier fastenable to the mirror foot so as to be capable of ~~swivelling~~ swiveling
about a ~~swivelling~~ swiveling axis;

5 a circular symmetrical retaining element in the form of a sleeve connected to said mirror
foot, said retaining element extending in a direction of said swiveling axis for fastening said
mirror carrier to said mirror foot, said retaining element being insertable by a free end into a
functionally complementary recess of said mirror carrier;

10 guide surfaces disposed in said recess of said mirror carrier for receiving said retaining
element, said guide surfaces including protruding guide lugs whereby a swiveling motion of said
mirror carrier on said retaining element may be guided in a radial direction substantially without
play;

15 a first detent element associated with one of said mirror foot and said mirror carrier, said
first detent element being flexible such that said first detent element deflects when said mirror
carrier engages said mirror foot, whereby said first detent element generates a spring force to
maintain said mirror carrier with a specific initial tension elastically against said mirror foot;

20 a first detent contour associated with the other of said mirror foot and the mirror carrier,
said mirror carrier being connected to said mirror foot via engagement of said first detent
element with said first detent contour; and

20 a second detent contour associated with the mirror foot, the position of the mirror

carrier relative to the mirror foot being secured at at least one defined swivel angle when said mirror carrier engages said second detent contour, said sleeve being located within said mirror carrier when said mirror carrier engages said second detent contour of said mirror foot, said mirror carrier being movable in a direction of said ~~swivel~~ swiveling axis, counter to pressure of said spring force such that said mirror carrier disengages said second detent contour via ~~swivelling~~ swiveling said mirror carrier about said ~~swivelling~~ swiveling axis when a force is applied to said mirror carrier.

2. (Withdrawn) An outside mirror according to claim 1, wherein said mirror carrier or the second detent contour comprise at least one sliding surface extending obliquely from the bottom up relative to the swivelling axis whereby said mirror carrier upon unlatching from said second detent contour is pressed in the direction of the swivelling axis.

3. (Withdrawn) An outside mirror according to claim 1, wherein the first detent element in the latched state is movable in the manner of a preloaded spring element into engagement with the first detent contour so that the first detent element in the latched state braces the mirror carrier with a specific initial tension elastically against the mirror foot.

4. (Withdrawn) An outside mirror according to claim 1, wherein said first detent element has spring characteristics wherein upon a relative movement between said mirror carrier and said mirror foot in the direction of the swivelling axis a corresponding, oppositely directed

restoring force may be generated through elastic deformation of said first detent element.

5. (Withdrawn) An outside mirror according to claim 1, wherein the first detent element and the first detent contour each comprise a detent portion which, during latching, comes to rest against the respective opposing detent portion, wherein at least one of the opposing detent portions extends in a reference plane, which extends at an angle α of 1° to 89° , relative to the reference planes defined by the swivelling axis.

6. (Withdrawn) An outside mirror according to claim 5, wherein the angle α is an angle of 40° to 50° , relative to the reference planes defined by the swivelling axis.

7. (Withdrawn) An outside mirror according to claim 5, wherein the detent portion of the first detent element and/or the first detent contour is formed, at least in sections, by a conical wall portion.

8. (Withdrawn) An outside mirror according to claim 1, wherein the first detent element includes a detent tongue with a first end coupled in an elastically sprung manner to the mirror carrier or mirror foot and with a second end which is latchable into the first detent contour.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) An outside mirror according to claim [[9]] 1, wherein the sleeve in the lateral surface has at least one substantially U-shaped notch, thereby forming a detent tongue of said first detent element.

11. (Currently Amended) An outside mirror according to claim [[9]] 1, wherein the first detent contour is formed by a substantially conical wall portion in [[a]] said recess of the mirror carrier.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Withdrawn) An outside mirror according to claim 1, further comprising a protruding lug movable into engagement in an opposing groove, the lug for limiting a swivelling motion of the mirror carrier, the lug being movable into contact with the ends of the groove disposed as a swivelling limitation on the mirror carrier or mirror foot.

14. (Withdrawn) An outside mirror according to claim 1, wherein the mirror carrier or mirror foot are manufactured substantially completely from plastics material as injection-moulded parts.

15. (Withdrawn) An outside mirror according to claim 14, wherein the mirror carrier

is a substantially one piece structure or said mirror foot is a substantially one piece structure.

16. (Currently Amended) An outside mirror for a motor vehicle comprising:

a mirror foot for fastening to the vehicle, said mirror foot having a circular symmetrical retaining element connected thereto in the form of a sleeve with a first detent element having a spring force upon deflection from a rest position;

5 a mirror carrier with a recess having a first detent contour, said retaining element being inserted into said recess of said mirror carrier such that said mirror carrier ~~[[being]]~~ is fastened to the mirror foot via the deflection of said first detent element to pass said first detent contour to provide a latching of said first detent element to said first detent contour to assume a latched state, said mirror carrier being rotatable about a defined axis of rotation when said mirror carrier
10 is in said latched state, said first detent element exerting a preloaded initial tension with said first detent element in engagement with the first detent contour so that the first detent element in the latched state braces the mirror carrier with the initial tension elastically against the mirror foot,
said retaining element extending in a direction of said axis of rotation;

guide surfaces disposed in said recess of said mirror carrier for receiving said retaining
15 element, said guide surfaces including protruding guide lugs whereby a swiveling motion of said mirror carrier on said retaining element is guided in a radial direction substantially without play;

a second detent contour associated with the mirror foot, the position of the mirror carrier relative to the mirror foot being secured at a position with a defined swivel angle by a latching of said second detent contour to the mirror carrier, said mirror carrier in the latched

20 state being displaceable counter to pressure of the initial tension in the direction of the axis of rotation such that said mirror carrier disconnects from said second detent contour to allow said mirror carrier to rotate about said axis of rotation.

17. (Currently Amended) An outside mirror for a motor vehicle comprising:

a mirror foot for fastening to the vehicle, said mirror foot having a circular symmetrical retaining element connected thereto in the form of a sleeve with a first detent element exerting a spring force upon deflection from a rest position;

5 a mirror carrier with an inner surface, said inner surface defining a recess having a first detent contour, said first detent element being flexible to generate a snap in retaining function as said mirror carrier is connected to said mirror foot to assume a connected state such that a free end of said retaining element is inserted into said recess of said mirror carrier, whereby said mirror foot is fastened to said mirror carrier, said first detent element engaging said first detent
10 contour in said connected state, said mirror carrier being rotatable about a defined pivot axis when said mirror carrier is in said connected state, said first detent element in the connected state being movable against said spring force while in engagement with said first detent contour such that said first detent element in the connected state braces said mirror carrier with a specific initial tension elastically against said mirror foot, said retaining element extending in a direction of said pivot axis;
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guide surfaces disposed in said recess of said mirror carrier for receiving said retaining

element, said guide surfaces including protruding guide lugs whereby a swiveling motion of said mirror carrier on said retaining element is guided in a radial direction substantially without play;

20 a second detent contour associated with said mirror foot, the position of said mirror carrier relative to said mirror foot being secured at a position with a defined pivot angle via connection of said second detent contour to the mirror carrier, said mirror carrier in the connected state being movable counter to pressure of the spring force in the direction of the pivot such that said mirror carrier disconnects from said second detent contour to allow said mirror carrier to pivot about said pivot axis.